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### National Coordinator's Commentary: Michael's Message

by Michael S. 'Stan' Turrini

#### *Greetings and Peace! Happy Summer 2009!*

Every Tuesday my fixed routine finds me at the local Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum doing volunteer chores and projects, while also serving on the Museum's Board of Directors. My initial project has been working, down deep, into the Museum's 'Smithsonian filled' basement. *The Museum must have, in its thirty-plus years, saved everything from Vallejo, and I mean everything.* Back in a lonely corner, I sit cataloging coal receipts and records. Yes, coal. Some local coal dealer from the 1920s had customers throughout Vallejo and he also ran a loan business on the side, since several promissory notes payable in U. S. gold coins were found, which is interesting, and it keeps me busy several hours most every Tuesday.

Now, you might ask, 'what do coal receipts from Vallejo, California have to do with our Representative Program?' Well, Not Much. Maybe.

The lesson being learned is that our Representative Program, and its District Representatives and Club Representatives, have the secondary duties of 'to preserve and to protect' our 'world of money:' *the names, the events, and the times.* It is simple: the hobby of yesterday created the hobby of today; just as we shall bequeath to the hobby of tomorrow. You call this: *Legacy.*

#### *Just Something For Your Thoughts.*

Looking ahead, our Representative Program's big event is the annual gathering at the World's Fair of Money®, Saturday, August 8 in Los Angeles. At this point, both myself and our beloved 'Boss,' Sandy Hill, have two requests: to know if you are attending *and* to know if you have anything for the agenda. As usual, our annual World's Fair of Money gatherings are packed, since they serve as a venue for award presentations; however, if District or Club Representatives have an issue or idea — *we do like ideas!* — let both Sandy and I know.

Continuing, personally, I am the convention's Numismatic Theatre Coordinator. and I am also involved with other matters and groups; however, 'Bro Stan' would enjoy meeting and mingling with as many District and Club Representatives as possible, maybe for breakfast, a quick lunch, and evening get-together or dinner.

*Reminder: Please Keep Us Informed.* Sandy, our three Assistant National Coordinators — Paul R. Johnson, Jim 'The Colonel' Majoros, and Michael M. 'Steamer' Stanley — and, that 'beach-loving guy,' namely me, need to have your Quarter Reports. Also, let us know important ideas, events or happenings, even those of personal nature — anniversaries, retirement, health issues, and such. Our program needs to be a family, too. Your insights and input can prove to be valuable to many others when we utilize the Representative Program to disseminate those ideas.

Speaking of the dissemination, this is a real value for our MintMark. I know our devoted Editor Eric Holcomb as well as Andy at national headquarters would enjoy having ideas and recommendations included. In reading our counterpart from the American Philatelic Society (APS), our stamp compatriots really strive to share creative and constructive suggestions. *Use our MintMark and our Representative Program and share your ideas.*

Being a member of many local coin clubs and several regional organizations, it has opened my mind to the expansiveness that is our 'world of money.' For me, I would enjoy receiving complimentary copies of newsletters/bulletins, periodicals/magazines, and whatever from any numismatic group or body. These all add to the total of my experience and references.

One evening, just recently, while at the Fremont (California) Coin Club, I found and skimmed the recent *Winning Ways*, of the Women In Numismatics, and learned much. Having membership in the Nashua (N.H.) Coin Club, there is always a short article or two in its monthly newsletter, again adding to my knowledge and pleasure. In addition, I receive the *Ontario Numismatist*, from the Ontario (Canada) Numismatic Association, and

have reproduced articles from it to include in *The Medallion* of the California Exonumist Society. I even joined the Glendale (California) Coin Club just to learn what fellow District Representative Oded Paz has ‘cooking and doing!’

*My message is simple: Expand Your Horizons!*

It is a great hobby that is truly around the world, and that is why we call it ‘the world of money.’ Your input always welcomed. Contact me via [Tur-rini@money.org](mailto:Tur-rini@money.org). My cell remains 707-246-6327.

Closing, here is another thought: “*Inventories can be managed, but people must be led.*” — H. Ross Perot.

Remember:

Have Fun With Your Hobby!

Always Serve Others!

Enjoy Your Collecting!

And, Create Hope!

## Remembering Larry Gentile

by Jim Majoros

Our hobby lost one of its finest, Larry Gentile, Sr., this past March. Larry was a tremendous advocate of YN programs throughout the country for the past 35 years working with the ANA and regional and local clubs. At their annual May convention in New Jersey, GSNA president Dave Bailey presented the first two “Larry Gentile Sr. YN Awards” to the two youngsters that have conducted YN programs at WESPNEEX and the NYINC in Larry’s absence after Larry became ill. They are 17-year-old Chris Donato and 16-year-old Will Robins. The award was created after Larry passed on and is for a GSNA member who has contributed and promoted the hobby to the youth of our nation. As they did at the GSNA convention, Donato and Robins will be doing a three-hour YN program at the ANA convention in Los Angeles on Friday, Aug 7th from 1 to 4 pm. We encourage our District Reps to drop in for a few minutes to see them, as it will also give encouragement. You’ll be impressed!

## From the keyboard of Sandy Hill

Staff Liaison for the Club Representative Program

It seems like we had snow just a few weeks ago here in Colorado Springs, but summer is coming. It is almost time for Summer Seminar and many of you are thinking about your vacations. Why not do something different this year and come to Colorado Springs to visit YOUR Museum and Library? There are lots of things to do and see in the area in addition to ANA Headquarters, something for everyone in the family. From antique collectors to nature lovers, concerts, culture, and just plain fun can be found here.

But don’t forget your local coin club. Does attendance dwindle during the summer? Take a note from some of the clubs that are growing and include a club picnic or other special event in your schedule

Are your regular meetings getting boring? Add a new twist. Have YN’s design a medal for the club. Then have the adults help by making a die and then producing these special medals.

One club has their members work on “fantasy” collections. Each member can “add” a coin to their collection each time they attend a meeting. At the end of the year, the collections are judged and the winner gets a prize. I am imagining my collection now...

Send in your ideas for making meetings and events better. Your suggestion could make the difference for a club. See you at Summer Seminar (Coin Camp) and at the World’s Fair of Money.

## World’s Fair of Money®, August 5-9 in Los Angeles

Please join the ANA at its 118th anniversary convention, August 5-9 at the Los Angeles Convention Center. Special thanks to host clubs the California State Numismatic Association, Numismatic Association of Southern California and Verdugo Hills Coin Club; and to honorary host clubs the Glendale Coin Club, Long Beach Coin Club and Unrecognized States Numismatic Society. Everyone is invited to visit the “Join a Local Coin Club” area at the Hall A Lobby, outside the show entrance.

Please visit the ANA’s new website, [www.worldsfairofmoney.com](http://www.worldsfairofmoney.com), which serves as the show’s top online resource. See you in L.A.!

## ANA Board of Governors Election

The Board of Governors election is fast approaching! You can view biographies and platforms, responses to a series of questions, and video of a candidates forum held on March 14, on [www.money.org](http://www.money.org). Biographies, platforms, and candidate responses are featured in the June issue of *The Numismatist*.

Seventeen ANA members are running for nine open seats on the 2009-11 Board. Two are running for President, one is running for Vice President, and fourteen are running for seven Governor seats.

Ballots were mailed to all members on May 27, and must be returned to the independent accounting firm of Biggs-Kofford by June 26. Election results will be announced on July 3, and the new Board of Governors will be sworn in on August 8 at the 2009 World’s Fair of Money® in Los Angeles.

## News from Around the Country

### Alabama

by Richard Jozefiak

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There have been many events and activities in Alabama and the surrounding areas this quarter. At the Georgia Numismatic Association (GNA) 45<sup>th</sup> Coin Show in Dalton April 17-19, many of the southeast ANA District Representatives met.



Photo (L to R): Dennis Schafluetzel (TN), Eddie Lane (FL), Bill Lane (GA), Richard Jozefiak (AL), Chip Cuccliff (GA).

We shared the latest information from our districts, and the ANA.



Photo: Richard Jozefiak at GNA Show.

I had an ANA membership table at the GNA Show, and I always receive great support from the GNA Board. The GNA had a very well-attended YN program on Saturday, April 18. I gave a short presentation on the ANA, and signed up two new YNs.

For National Coin Week, the Madison County Coin Club, AL had three major programs this year. The first was by the club's president, Bob Jaques. He sponsored an essay contest for junior high students in Hartselle,

AL. The theme of the essay was "Lincoln's Legacy: His Role in History and Numismatics." Bank Independent of Hartselle donated cash prizes for the essay contest.



Photo: Madison Public Library Display.

The second event was during the month of April at the Madison Public Library. I had a display at the main entrance. The display "Lincoln's Legacy: A Nation United" featured a number of coins, paper money, and exonomia with Lincoln on them.

The third event was on Saturday; May 2, 2009. Over 25 people attended an educational program on "Lincoln's Legacy and Introduction to Coin Collecting" at the Madison Public Library.

The library and our club sponsored the public program for National Coin Week. Members of the club and Whitman Publishing generously provided donations. The program had a number of displays for the public, and the author gave the presentation.

After the presentation the YNs received a goody bag of items, including *A Guide Book of United States Coins* and 2009 Lincoln cent folder (donated by Whitman Publishing). A door prize drawing for the YNs was held with a number of proof sets as prizes.

YNs had the opportunity to work on a project of filling Lincoln cent folders. They received new 2009 Lincoln cents, and then got to search through bags of Lincoln cents to add to the folder they received.

The two-hour program was well received by the public attending, with the Boy Scouts earning requirements for a merit badge in coin collecting.



YNs working on the Lincoln Cents folders

On May 8-9, 2009, I had an ANA membership table at the Rocket City Coin Show in Huntsville, AL.

### California Coin Chatter

by Michael S. 'Stan' Turrini

Things are always happenin' here in the Golden State! We might 'go broke,' in the very state that had the famous Gold Rush; but, our 'world of money' is 'busier than bees with honey!'

First, Jeff Shevlin, one of our District Representatives, has replaced me as the new Assistant Editor, for the 'North,' to the award-winning *California Numismatist*, a joint publication of the California State Numismatic Association (CSNA) and the Numismatic Association of Southern California (NASC). Jeff is well-known for his specialty in So-Called Dollars. Local coin clubs are directed to add him to their mailing lists at '7737 Fair Oaks Blvd., Suite #250, Carmichael, CA 95608-1787.'

Second, the Vallejo (California) Numismatic Society welcomed ANA Governor Dr. Walter A. Ostromecki, Jr., to its May 3, 2009 Vallejo Coin Show, at which he facilitated a 'youth table and Treasure Hunt.' His table and hunt were highly received and well-enjoyed. The VNS appreciated Dr. Ostromecki for pausing in his busy career and flying up and back on the same day from his southern California home.

Third, as the current CSNA President, I attended, and enjoyed, the recent San Jose Coin Club's May 9, Annual Awards Banquet, which was emceed by its eighteen-year-old President Ryan S. Johnson, a high school Senior and JROTC United States Marine. Ryan spoke confidently and moved the event with ease and grace. His growing maturity was evident. In recognition for his leadership and service, I presented him one of the first-ever CSNA 'President's Medals.'

Speaking of the San Jose Coin Club, its website and monthly newsletter, *Todo Dinero*, are certainly worthy of review and recommendations to other local

coin clubs. Ryan and his grandmother, Sally, are the joint webmasters. I would suggest local coin clubs seeking ideas and a model check out the SJCC and its *Todo Dinero*. Go to [www.sanjosecoin.org](http://www.sanjosecoin.org). (Also read Jim Wells' monthly all-color San Diego Numismatic Society *Bulletin*.)

Fourth, the CSNA's Northern Educational Symposium was on May 16, and the presenters were Robert E. Luna ("Morgan Silver Dollars"), Lee H. Gong ("Error Coins"), John P. Russell, Jr. ("Metal Detecting"), and James E. Kern ("Submarine Numismatics"). This year's Symposium theme was 'What You Need To Know,' and was titled 'Coin Collectors' Retreat,' again at the Vallejo Naval and Historical Museum. For more information, contact Stan at [Turrini@money.org](mailto:Turrini@money.org).

Lee Gong is well-known for his involvement with youth numismatics, error coins, and our Representative Program. Speaking of Lee, along with Assistant National Coordinator Michael M. 'Steamer' Stanley and myself, we shall, after our Association's World's Fair of Money, fly to Edmonton for the Royal Canadian Numismatic Association's annual convention and its 'Coins For Kids.'

Fifth, California is home territory for two specialty groups unique to woods and silver rounds: the Western Wooden Money Club and the Solano Silver Round Club. Both groups, while holding meetings in northern California, have members from across the entire nation. For information about these two clubs, contact Stan.

Sixth, the CSNA, along with being a host coin club for the upcoming World's Fair of Money, is conducting a survey among its membership. Coordinated by James W. Hunt, Stephen M. Huston, and Gregory S. Burns, this is the first comprehensive study of CSNA's membership, and is intended to be the foundation for the Association's long-range planning. This survey could serve as a model for other organizations.

In closing, a well-known and devoted former Representative at the club and district level, Gordon R. Donnell of Oakland, California, has been diagnosed with lung cancer and a tumor against his vocal cords. His options are limited, with radiation being anticipated. Well-wishes and warm thoughts would be welcomed. Gordon is now restricted in his hobby activities, but would enjoy a telephone call at 510-547-0518.

### Colorado

The Front Range Coin Club's spring coin show will be held Saturday and Sunday, June 6th and 7th, 2009 at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont, CO. For more information visit the club's web site at [www.geocities.com/frontcoin/](http://www.geocities.com/frontcoin/), or contact Bob Thayer by phone at 303-717-1010.

## Florida

by Tom Bobbitt, GJCC President

During National Coin Week, the Greater Jacksonville Coin Club conducted a coin collecting seminar for 20 third graders on April 22. Each child received a coin collector starter's kit that included coins, supplies, information booklets and a magnifying glass. The school received a set of numismatic references consisting of 14 books. The club also distributed 12 new 'Red Books' and 12 state quarter reference books to 12 other schools in the Jacksonville area.

## New Mexico

by Bob Laetare, Albuquerque Coin Club President

The Albuquerque Coin Club held their Spring Coin Show April 4-5. It was one of their most successful coin shows ever, with larger than usual attendance. The dealers all reported good sales, and virtually every dealer reserved tables for the fall show.

The theme for the spring show was the Lincoln cent. There was an Abraham Lincoln look-alike (Steve Acre) who gave the new cent and cards with information about the cent to youngsters who attended the show. Since our Lincoln look-alike is also a Lincoln cent expert, he answered questions about the cent.



Photo: Abe Lincoln (Steve Acre) with some of our YN Club members.

We had seven display cases about Lincoln and his connection to our money. Each of these displays was made by one of our YN club members. All of those who volunteered to do a display were given a theme, and the first time everyone saw the other completed displays was when they installed them at the show. Our YN club coordinator John Fryar deserves lots of credit for getting our YN club to be so active. The YNs also helped our dealers with set-up, and they made a portrait of Lincoln out of Lincoln cents during the show.

Another project that the Albuquerque Coin Club is working on is to start a new coin club in Santa Fe. We held an organizational meeting and have a nucleus of interested Santa Fe residents to get it started. It will be structured as a chapter of our club with their members having access to all benefits such as our club functions,

library, and auctions. Our goal is to promote our hobby, and let others join in the fun of being a member of a coin club. The Albuquerque club will fund getting this club started and help them grow.

## South Carolina

Camden Coin Club by Pascal Brock

The Camden Coin Club of Kershaw County, South Carolina donated ten numismatic books valued at \$285 to the Kershaw County Library. The success of the club's 2009 spring coin show allowed the club to purchase these books. The books are on various numismatic topics including general reading, price guides, gold and world coins and paper money.

The Camden Coin Club thanks the dealers and coin show guests who participated in the spring show, making it such a success. The club would also like to thank F+W Media for their help in making this donation possible.

The club's fall coin show will be held September 19 at the Camden Recreation Department on Hwy. #1 South in Camden, S.C. To learn more about coin collecting in South Carolina visit [www.sc-na.com](http://www.sc-na.com). To learn more about the Camden Coin Club call LoRan Ross at 803-713-0250 or 803-243-9123.



Photo: Camden Coin Club Members (L to R) Pascal Brock, LoRan Ross and Rich Tucker present numismatic books to Ms. Amy Schofield, Director, Kershaw County Library.

Myrtle Beach Coin Club by Ernie Turnes

At the Myrtle Beach Coin Show, Ernie Turnes (left in photo on page 6), President of the Myrtle Beach Coin Club, presented a \$1,005 check to Mike Hughes, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Horry County (S.C.) Meals on Wheels. The coin club, which partnered with David Quante, Myrtle Beach Coin Exchange, wanted to help those in need in the community and voted to raffle some coins and give Meals on Wheels one half of the proceeds. A 'money tree' was



also raffled at the show, with all of that money going to Meals on Wheels. The prizes (including a certified MS 63 GSA Carson City Morgan Dollar, proof sets and a proof 1/10-ounce gold eagle) were donated by club members.

The coin show and the prize drawings were held on May 2. Plans are underway for another Myrtle Beach show in the fall. The May show was the first in Myrtle Beach since 1970. For additional information about the show or the club, call 843-903-1223 or email [mbcoinclub@yahoo.com](mailto:mbcoinclub@yahoo.com).

#### Stephen James Coin Club by Jim Barry

On Thursday, May 14, Bill Fivaz presented a program on 'Counterfeit Coins' to the Stephen James CSRA Coin Club, Aiken, SC. Club members showed great interest with numerous questions for Mr. Fivaz.



*Photo: Bill Fivaz (right) receives award certificate for his program on 'Counterfeit Coins.'*

## Texas

by Ralph Ross

(See photo at top of next column.)

Each year during NCW Ralph Ross and Barney Loebe distribute wooden nickels and other miscellaneous numismatic items including coins to students to encourage coin collecting. The library display case (in the background) shows the new Lincoln cents and a proclamation from the mayor of Sugar Land, Texas. The educational exhibit illustrates and describes the 2009 NCW theme, *Lincoln's Legacy: A Nation United*.



*Photo: Ralph Ross and Barney Loebe celebrate National Coin Week at the First Colony Library in Sugar Land, Texas.*

## Washington and Oregon

by Eric Holcomb

The past three months have been a whirlwind of activity, with the ANA's National Money Show™ in Portland, OR, followed by the PNNA convention in Tukwila, WA, and the 'British-American Token Congress' in Seattle, WA, May 14-16. The latter event, modeled after token congresses in the United Kingdom, was a big success (including 11 attendees from the UK), and there are already plans to hold similar events in the U.S. again. Please contact me if you would like more information. (See contact info on the back page.)

## Wisconsin

by Bruce Benoit

The Milwaukee Numismatic Society's (M.N.S.) 29th Annual Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic was held on Saturday, April 5th, 2009 at the Wyndham Airport Hotel, in conjunction with the South Shore Coin Club's annual coin show.

Clinic volunteers got an early morning start helping setup the clinic room and prepare the registration table. A few minutes later there was quite a long line of scouts waiting to check in and have their coin requirements inspected for content and completeness. It was great to see many of the scouts' coins protected and displayed in coin holders and/or set assembly sheets.

At this time I was busy setting up two coin exhibits, one that was educational and hands on, as well as organizing all of the donated material, and preparing all

of the electronics for the digital presentation which was about to start. The scouts then entered the clinic room with excitement in anticipation of soon completing the coin collecting merit badge requirements.

This year we had approximately 70 scouts who attended the clinic. As the presenters prepared their programs and the rest of the volunteers prepared to grade the first of several tests, I welcomed all of the scouts, parents, guests, and troop leaders to the clinic and gave them a brief outline of the program and handed out some of the many donated numismatic materials we received. The MNS donated to each scout a BU Australian Dollar commemorating Scouting. Slabbing of the coins was donated by ANACS, and commemorated the 29th annual event. Thanks, ANACS!

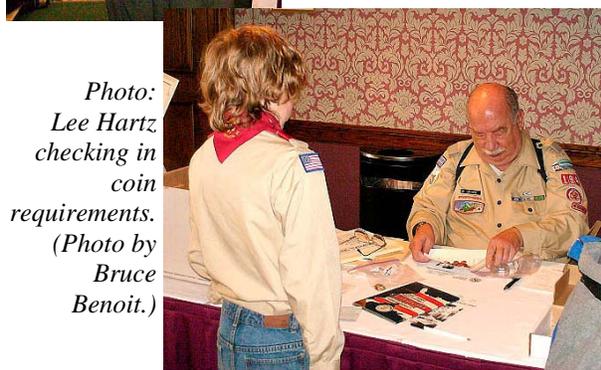
The scouts were tested after each presenter completed their respective programs, which included a lecture along with a digital PowerPoint® program that was designed and edited by the MNS clinic committee.

The clinic ended with almost all 70 of the scouts going home meeting the merit badge requirements, along with many numismatic treasures that were donated by many of the dealers setup at the South Shore Coin Club's coin show. Many thanks were given to all of the generous donors of the door prizes, and to the volunteers and the program presenters.

There was much appreciation communicated to me from some of the parents and leaders that attended. Several said "excellent program, even I learned many things about numismatics." Several scouts expressed thanks to me as they were leaving the clinic room.



*Clinic presenter,  
Leon Saryan  
(Photo by  
Bruce Benoit.)*



*Photo:  
Lee Hartz  
checking in  
coin  
requirements.  
(Photo by  
Bruce  
Benoit.)*

## Specialty Clubs

### Casino Chip and Gaming Token Collectors Club, Inc.

The CC&GTCC has prepared a complete story of the club, casino memorabilia collecting, and the club's upcoming convention. The story is offered non-exclusively to anyone who wants to publish it. For more information, please contact Sheldon Smith, CC&GTCC Education and Publicity Director, e-mail [sheldon655@hotmail.com](mailto:sheldon655@hotmail.com).

## International Clubs

### Numismatic Society of Auckland

*by Julian A. Brook*

In my activities as ANA Country Ambassador to Australasia and Oceania, I attended a very successful numismatic seminar on the dates of May 1 to 3, 2009. The gathering attracted a good following and was to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Numismatic Society of Auckland. Dealers from all over New Zealand and some from Australia had a very well patronized bourse. There were also a series of lectures, a 'meet and greet' function, a celebratory dinner and so on. As part of the lectures session, I was able to speak and to give a good promotional few minutes to encourage numismatists to join the ANA. My own membership, of 54 years, has given me a great deal of pleasure, so I never let pass a chance to promote the ANA.

With regards from New Zealand — Julian A Brook, ANA Member 1023867.

## Special Request From Your National Coordinator

I would be interested in obtaining documentation about awards and recognitions at all levels from local and regional organizations. Honoring members and others for service is of interest, and my intention is to compile a reference about awards and recognitions, with the goal to develop recommendations for local coin clubs and organizations that wish to enhance awards and recognitions.

Please mail information to Michael S. 'Stan' Turini, PO Box 4104, Vallejo, CA 94590-0410. Stan's e-mail address and cell phone number are printed in the first column on page 2, and also in the staff list on page 8.

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**Editor’s Message** *by Eric Holcomb*

Thanks for submitting your material. Although we’re back to eight pages, there is some good content! A lot of the material comes from just a few states, especially Alabama, California, South Carolina and Wisconsin. Make sure your region isn’t left out by submitting something next time!

As always, I am looking for ideas relating to the program’s mission statement, as well as ideas for promoting the numismatic hobby in general. There is no feature article this time, but there are some excellent ideas and a call from your National Coordinator for information on awards and recognitions, which should be important to any local or regional club. (See page 7.)